

In the Abstract:

The paragraph starting at page 15, line 2, is amended and now reads as follows:

-- The invention relates to a method for operating a two-stroke engine having scavenging-advance storage. The combustion chamber (3) which is configured in the cylinder (2) is supplied with an air/fuel mixture via a transfer channel (12, 15). This air/fuel mixture ~~was~~ is drawn by induction through an inlet into the crankcase (4) during the intake phase. During the intake phase, a fuel-free fluid such as pure air is inducted via a fluid channel (17) and stored in the transfer channel. To obtain good exhaust-gas values while also having reduced fuel consumption and reliable lubrication,  $\lambda$  of the air/fuel mixture, which is stored in the crankcase (4), is adjusted in a range of approximately 0.2 to 0.6 in the part-load and full-load ranges of the two-stroke engine (1). --